GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA

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THEFTS AT HISTORICAL MONUMENTS
Singh Shri Ratan

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether many important, rare and precious items and stones have been stolen from historical monuments during the repair work undertaken by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) in many states;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the number of such incidents that came to light during each of the last three years, State-wise;

(c) whether the persons responsible for the said act have been identified; and

(d) if so, the action taken thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF CULTURE (SMT. CHANDRESH KUMARI KATOCH)

(a) No sir. No important, rare and precious items and stones have been stolen from historical monuments during the repair work undertaken by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) in many states during the last three years.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.